



PUBLIC NOTICE

FILE # NRS18.278

Pursuant to Tennessee Rules, Chapter 0400-04-07, the proposed activity described below has been submitted for approval under an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit and Section 401 Water Quality Certification. This notice is intended to inform interested parties of this permit application and to ask for comments and information necessary to determine possible impacts to water quality. No decision has been made whether to issue or deny this application.

PERMIT COORDINATOR

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APPLICANT

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LOCATION

Liberty, Dekalb County

Latitude 35.9593, Longitude -85.9948

PROJECT DESCRIPTION / PURPOSE

Matthew Hancock proposes to remove gravel in excess of fifty cubic yards from a gravel bar located on his property along Clear Fork Creek. The gravel will be used on his property to construct and maintain roads. Where authorized, permits for instream gravel mining require a berm of at least ten feet width to be left between the work area and the stream flow, and equipment must operate outside of the stream flow at all times. Gravel may not be mined or excavated from the streambed. Excavation may not extend below the water level at the time of work, or into the streambed in the case that no flow is present.

POINTS OF IMPACT

Clear Fork Creek

Latitude 35.9593, Longitude -85.9948

WATERSHED / WATERBODY DESCRIPTION

The Caney Fork River Watershed is located in Middle Tennessee and includes parts of Bledsoe, Cannon, Cumberland, DeKalb, Putnam, Sequatchie, Smith, Van Buren, Warren, White and Wilson Counties. The watershed is approximately 1,771 square miles and drains to the Cumberland River. For more information on this watershed or any Tennessee watershed, please visit our [TN Basins webpage](#).

Ecoregion

71h Outer Nashville Basin

Stream Name / ID: Clear Fork Creek / TN05130108004_0200

Designated Use	Use Support	Causes	Sources
livestock watering & wildlife	fully supporting		
irrigation	fully supporting		
recreation	fully supporting		
fish and aquatic life	fully supporting		

Assessment Date: April 27, 2015

To view the proposed location of these impacts and the watershed condition visit <http://tdeconline.tn.gov/dwr/> and search on the permit number listed in the title of this Public Notice.

The affected waters have available parameters for habitat alteration.

DETERMINATIONS

In accordance with the Tennessee Antidegradation Statement (Rule 0400-40-03-.06), the Division has made a preliminary determination that the proposed activities will result in no more than *de minimis* degradation to water quality.

FACTORS CONSIDERED

In deciding whether to issue or deny a permit, the Division will consider all comments of record and the requirements of applicable federal and state laws. In making this decision, a determination will be made regarding the lost value of the resource compared to the value of any proposed mitigation. The Division shall consider practicable alternatives to the alteration, loss of waters or habitat, diminishment in biological diversity, cumulative or secondary impacts to the water resource, and adverse impacts to unique, high quality, or impaired waters.

HOW TO COMMENT

Persons wishing to comment on the proposal are invited to submit written comments to the Division. Written comments must be received within **thirty days of the date that this notice is posted**. Comments will become part of the record and will be considered in the final decision. The applicant's name and permit number should be referenced. Send all written comments to the Division's address listed below and to the attention of the permit coordinator. You may also comment via email to water.permits@tn.gov. After the Division makes a final permit decision, a permit appeal may be filed by the applicant or by any person who participated in the public comment period whose appeal is based on comments given to the Division in writing during the public comment period or in testimony at a formal public hearing. If it is hard for you to read, speak, or understand English, TDEC may be able to provide translation or interpretation services free of charge. Please contact Saul Castillo at 615-532-0462 for more information.

PUBLIC HEARING

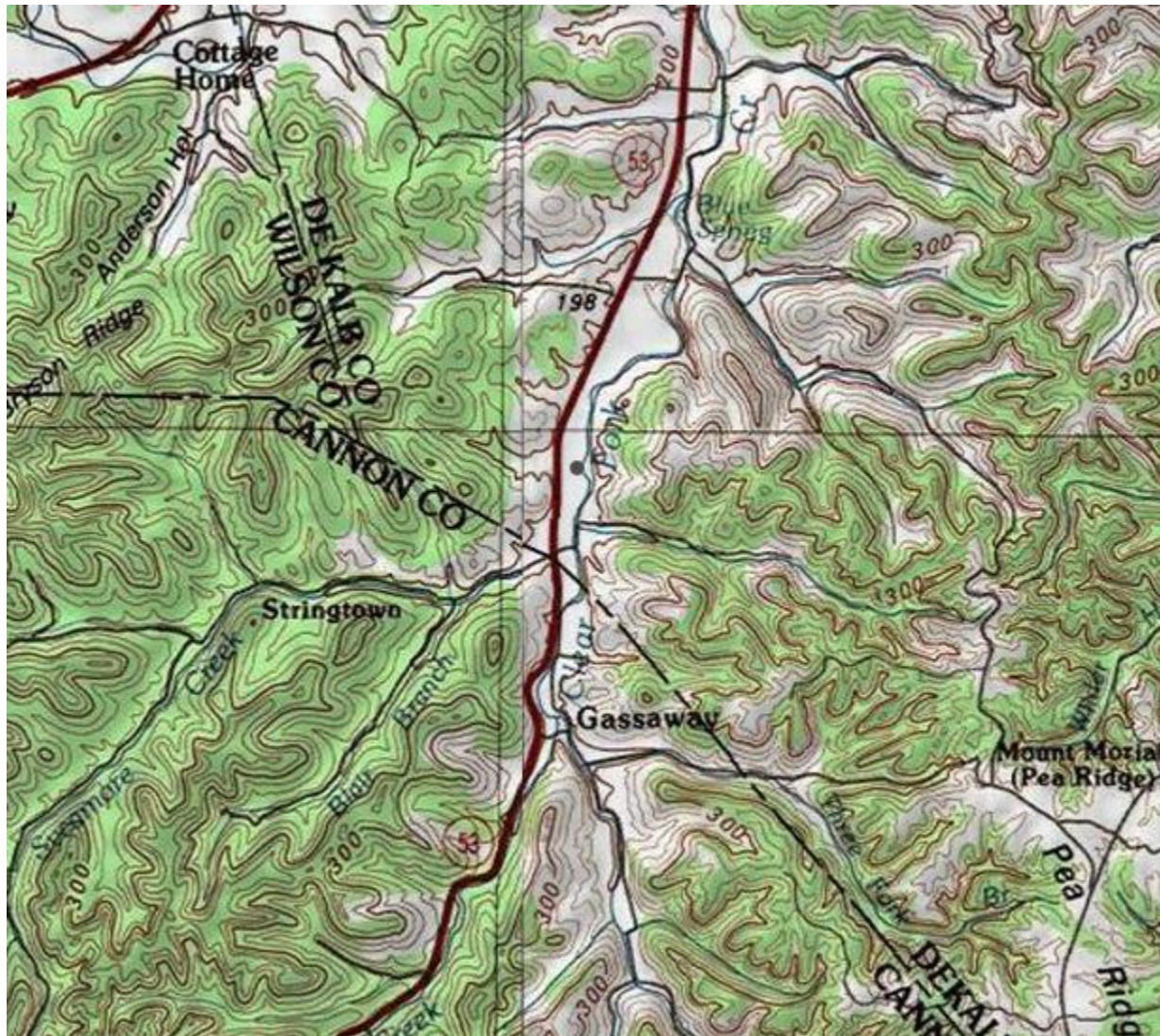
Interested persons may request in writing that the Division hold a public hearing on this application. The request must be received by the Division within the comment period, indicate the interest of the person requesting it, the reason(s) that the hearing is warranted, and the water quality issues being raised. When there is sufficient public interest in water quality issues, the Division will hold a public hearing. Send all public hearing requests to the attention of the permit coordinator at the address listed below.

FILE REVIEW

The permit application, supporting documentation including detailed plans and maps, and related comments are available for review on the internet at the Division's [data viewer](#) by entering the permit number listed in the title of this Public Notice. The file may be viewed in person at the Division's address (listed below) for review and/or copying.

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LOCATION / TOPOGRAPHIC MAP / SKETCHES



SITE DESIGNS / PHOTOGRAPHS



